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**DISCLOSURES**

In connection with the above person, whom the People may call as a witness, please be aware of the following:

1. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office has received information from the Queen's County District Attorney's Office that, in or around 2009, a former NYPD detective ("the cooperating officer") who was under investigation for various acts of official corruption and was cooperating with the Queens District Attorney's Office, informed investigating authorities in substance as follows:

Det. Mejia and the cooperating officer had been assigned to the Narcotics Borough Queens command of the NYPD. As per the cooperating officer, Det. Mejia, while working as an undercover officer sometime in the spring of 2007, attempted to purchase drugs from a person from whom Det. Mejia had bought drugs previously. This person declined to sell drugs to Det. Mejia. Det. Mejia nonetheless gave a "positive buy" signal to his field team, explaining to the cooperating officer that Det. Mejia knew that the person had drugs but did not want to sell them. According to the cooperating officer, no drugs were found on the arrested person, and Det. Mejia poured baking soda into a ziplock bag and had the person charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance.

The Queens District Attorney's Office identified a case that appeared to be the case to which the cooperating officer was referring. In that case, it was alleged that on June 20, 2006, Det. Mejia purchased two bags of cocaine from a person (who, it appears, was not arrested on that date). It was further alleged that on July 11, 2006, Det. Mejia purchased one bag containing a white powdery substance from a person whom Det. Mejia recognized as the seller from June 20, who then handed the buy money to a second person standing with him. These two persons were then arrested. Nine additional bags of cocaine were recovered from the first person, who was thereupon charged for the alleged sales from June 20 and July 11, and with the possession of the additional drugs on July 11. The police laboratory tested the contents of the bags either sold or recovered on the two dates. The two bags alleged to have been sold on June 20, and the nine bags alleged to have been recovered on July 11, were found to contain cocaine. The bag which Det. Mejia said had been sold to him on July

11 was found not to contain a controlled substance; further testing showed that the substance was in fact baking soda.

The Queens District Attorney's Office declined to prosecute Det. Mejia. That Office then advised the NYPD to take whatever administrative steps it deemed appropriate. The NYPD deemed substantiated allegations that Det. Mejia planted narcotics on a prisoner, used unnecessary force, falsified department records, and engaged in official misconduct. In 2016, Det. Mejia was found not guilty of all charges relating to this incident at an NYPD trial.

It should be noted that the information in this disclosure is based principally on the recollection of personnel at the Queens District Attorney's Office.

Should additional information subject to disclosure regarding this person become available, you will be advised accordingly.

Any information regarding civil law suit(s) against the officer is not necessarily a complete list of civil law suits in which that officer is a defendant.

The People reserve the right to oppose or move to limit the use in the case at hand of this information and any other information disclosed in the future.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Assistant District Attorney assigned to the case in connection with which you are receiving this disclosure.